



## Newsletter September 2024

Hi Members & Supporters of Indian Ocean Reining & Western Performance Association  
(IOR&WPA)

### Presidents report.

It's been a very busy time since our affiliate started in October last year. There are currently over 40 paid-up members, making it the fastest-growing affiliate in Australia, with 330 followers on Facebook.

In October 2022 IORWPA, secured public liability insurance, paving the way for the organising of clinics and club days. The association has run 3 clinics with NRHA Professionals. Two clinics were held with Scott Burnett, who very generously discounted his day rate to help the association get a kick start. Another clinic was held with David Simons. David kindly donated his fee back to the new association, thereby contributing to the Association's financial development. On behalf of the IORWPA, I sincerely thank both Scott and David for such generous contributions.

NRHA granted IORWPA, emerging affiliate membership status in March of this year, opening up a seat on the NRHA Oceania Council (NRHA OC). The Oceania Council provides each affiliate with a voice directly to NRHA and also allows the affiliate input into the direction of reining in Australia and Oceania region of the Pacific. As well as the affiliates in Australia, there are also affiliates in Japan, Thailand and South Africa, all member affiliates of NRHA Oceania Council.

IORWPA have averaged a club day at Orange Grove Arena at Karinya every 2 months. These have been well supported with new members coming along each time there is a club day.

The committee has a number of events planned for the next months, with planning for more club days, clinics and a couple of shows on the drawing board. IORWPA also continues to support the other NRHA OC affiliate in WA, Collie Western Riding Association (CWRA). CWRA is a great NRHA OC affiliate representing the NRHA in WA, holding shows and clinics over the last few years. I encourage anyone who would like to try the sport of reining to have a go and enter the WA NRHA OC State Championships in November. The event will be held at the CRWA grounds on 4 & 5 November. it will be a great weekend.

IORWPA will be holding the AGM on **16/09/2023 AT 1PM**, I invite current members who have an interest in reining and the development of the IOR&WPA, to get involved on the committee and put in a nomination for one of the committee roles. New members are very welcome to attend also.

Lastly, I would like to thank a number of people who have helped to progress the Association to its current status. Without them, I doubt we could have achieved so much in a very short time

I would also like to thank Kev for organising to have our new logo designed, it created quite a stir at the NRHA OC affiliate show in Tamworth with a lot of compliments, they look good on the vests and hoodies, IOR&WP apparel will be available through Stitch 'Em On Embroidery web site very soon.

My sincerest thanks go to:

Dennis & Kate Admiral (and Kids). Thank you both for all your work in helping us get up and going.

Kevin & Narisa Harrison.

Without Kev's drive and determination, his love of reining, we would not have taken our first steps to form this new affiliate.

Jess and John

have stuck with this idea of starting a new affiliate since day one back in 2021. Even, little baby Keith didn't interrupt commitment to the club days.

Hannah

who took on the job of secretary, web and Facebook conveyor, as well as getting engaged, and planning a wedding! Our Hannah is a go-getter!

Brad and Christina Hargrove's,

who came onto the committee, not really knowing what to expect, have contributed, participated and supported the formative activities

The committee would like to thank Karen Nicoletto for giving up her time to come to the clubs and helping to improve all riders both with reining and horsemanship.

Last but not least my adorable hard-working wife, Kerry, is a very welcome member of the committee, who brings us corporate governance and keeps us on the straight and narrow.

That's it from me for now, I sure hope to see you either at a club

Day at Orange Grove Karinya,

AGM on the 16/09/2023

or

in the show pen at the NRHA OC State Show at Collie

4 & 5 November 23!

Until then, stay safe, spin hard and slide long.